

Message

From: Elkins, Arthur [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=8E6CFEF587834F388791A500A803E7B2-ELKINS, ARTHUR]
Sent: 11/16/2015 8:46:52 PM
To: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Subject: RE: CIGIE Monthly Meeting

Okay, thanks for the notice, Mark.

Art

From: Mark Jones [mailto:Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Elkins, Arthur <Elkins.Arthur@epa.gov>
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting

Art,

We wanted to give you a heads up that Michael will be mentioning at the meeting (b) (5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. We
wanted to let you know just in case there may be some questions from folks regarding your office's process.

Thanks and were looking forward to hearing about the EPA OIG Skills Marketplace.

Mark

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Sent: 2/12/2014 5:45:22 PM
To: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
CC: FONG, PHYLLIS [PHYLLIS.FONG@oig.usda.gov]; Sheehan, Charles [Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov]; Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]; Sullivan, Patrick F. [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Request for Assistance

Thanks, Mark. The below e-mail acknowledgement is acceptable. Thank you both for your assistance and follow-up. It is much appreciated.

Art

From: Mark Jones [mailto:Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Elkins, Arthur
Cc: FONG, PHYLLIS
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance

Art,

I wanted to touch base with you with respect to your letter to Phyllis, seeking her assistance in identifying an OIG to undertake a sensitive internal administrative investigation at EPA. Based on our reach out to DOD/OIG regarding this request, (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

At this time, I wanted to see if you would like a formal response to your letter to Phyllis or if this email and the current actions progressing forward would be sufficient for your purposes of documentation.

Thanks

Mark

Message

From: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: 2/12/2014 5:04:16 PM
To: Elkins, Arthur [Elkins.Arthur@epa.gov]
CC: FONG, PHYLLIS [PHYLLIS.FONG@oig.usda.gov]
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance
Attachments: oig-helpdesk@oig.usda.gov_20140128_150718.pdf

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At this time, I wanted to see if you would like a formal response to your letter to Phyllis or if this email and the current actions progressing forward would be sufficient for your purposes of documentation.

Thanks

Mark



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 24 2014

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Honorable Phyllis K. Fong
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Ms. Fong:

I am requesting your assistance, as the Chair of the Council of the Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), in identifying another Office of Inspector General's (OIG's) Office of Investigations to undertake a sensitive internal administrative investigation at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I am asking you to identify another OIG's Office of Investigations to undertake this case so that the EPA OIG can avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. I am also asking you to obtain the agreement from another OIG to perform this task so that EPA OIG is not involved in such selection and thus would not be seen as hand-picking an OIG to do the work.

The other OIG Office of Investigations should have statutory law enforcement authority and be a cabinet-level or equivalent OIG. (b) (7)(C), (b) (5), (b) (6)

I believe most of the OIGs with statutory law enforcement authority meet these requirements, so the potential pool should be large.

On January 17, 2014, Alan Larsen, Counsel for the EPA OIG, received the assurance of the EPA General Counsel that the EPA will cooperate fully with the outside OIG selected by CIGIE, to include access to EPA employees and records.

The point of contact for the EPA OIG will be our Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Patrick Sullivan. His contact information is sullivan.patrick@epa.gov and (202) 566-0308.

There will be no travel involved in the case and all investigative work and interviews should take place in Washington, D.C.

Following is a brief summary of the issues to be investigated:

- (b) (6) was allegedly assaulted and intimidated by a GS-15 (b) (6)

- On Friday, October 25, 2013, the EPA OIG contacted the Federal Protective Service (FPS) and asked the FPS to conduct a joint investigation with the EPA OIG concerning the alleged activity that occurred on October 24. FPS agreed to join the investigation.
- On Sunday, October 27, 2013, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and I spoke about the (b) (6) incidents, and specifically the alleged assault of (b) (6). Administrator McCarthy asked me to allow the FPS to independently investigate the alleged assault. I agreed to this request, but both of us also agreed that the OIG retained the ability to exercise its jurisdiction at a later date should it be necessary. Effective Monday, October 28, 2013, the EPA OIG withdrew from the investigation of the alleged assault.

Enclosed is a copy of the FPS report on the investigation of the alleged criminal assault (b) (6) on October 24, 2013. I have also enclosed a copy of the affidavit in support of an arrest warrant (b) (6) and the declination of prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

The FPS concluded that probable cause existed to seek (b) (6) arrest for misdemeanor assault in violation of the D.C. Code, Section 22-404. The Assistant U.S. Attorney declined to prosecute and recommended that the case be handled administratively.

The FPS has informed the EPA OIG that it has closed its criminal investigation and returned the case to the EPA OIG for administrative action.

As you will see upon reviewing the FPS report, the FPS limited the scope of its investigation to the criminal case regarding the alleged assault (b) (6). The investigation did not address allegations of any potential administrative misconduct in the incident involving (b) (6) nor any stemming from the second incident that took place on October 24, 2013, between the (b) (6).

Furthermore, I have received a letter from an attorney representing (b) (6) in which the attorney alleges that OIG agents are conducting a campaign of intimidation and harassment against (b) (6) and other employees of (b) (6) and that the OIG has created a hostile workplace for the (b) (6) and (b) (6) colleagues. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

While these matters of alleged administrative misconduct have yet to be investigated, the EPA OIG believes it should not be the entity to conduct the administrative investigation. Therefore, we are seeking mutual assistance from another OIG to conduct an independent investigation.

Sincerely,



Arthur A. Elkins Jr.

Enclosures

Message

From: Sullivan, Patrick F. [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/19/2016 1:02:23 PM
To: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@CIGIE.GOV]
CC: Elkins, Arthur [Elkins.Arthur@epa.gov]; Sheehan, Charles [Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov]; Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE February 26, 2016

Mark,

IG Arthur Elkins asked me to respond to you on behalf of the EPA OIG.

At this time, our investigative case load is such that we cannot support Integrity Committee administrative investigations.

However, in the future, if our case load allows, we will let you know.

Thank you,

Patrick F. Sullivan

Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

EPA Office of Inspector General

Desk: (202) 566-0308

Cell: (b) (6)

FAX: (202) 566-0814

Email: sullivan.patrick@epa.gov

From: Mark Jones <mark.jones@CIGIE.GOV>
Date: February 15, 2016 at 8:28:57 AM EST
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE February 26, 2016
Reply-To: Mark Jones <mark.jones@CIGIE.GOV>

Good Morning,

We are working to update a listing of OIG offices that would be available and willing to conduct an Integrity Committee (IC) administrative investigation. These administrative investigations can range from very focused investigations (one subject involving one or two allegations with very few witnesses) to those that are more complex (multiple subjects, multiple allegations, good amount of documentary information, and potentially multiple witnesses). Thus, some IC administrative investigations will lend themselves to fewer resources necessary to conduct than other investigations.

Having a listing of OIG offices available and willing to conduct IC administrative investigations will assist in timely identifying an OIG that could begin an investigation readily. Additionally, for those that

conduct an IC administrative investigation, CIGIE will reimburse that OIG office for costs associated with the investigation.

For informational purposes, over the past 5 years, the number of IC administrative investigations have averaged about 2-3 per year. Therefore, OIGs that agree to being available for an IC administrative investigation may not be called upon for a few years.

At this time, I am requesting that you inform me if your office is available and willing to conduct an IC administrative investigation in the future. I would appreciate your response by February 26, 2016.

We appreciate your consideration of this important responsibility.

Thanks

Mark



Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006 • Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov

August 15, 2018

Via Email

Arthur Elkins, Jr.
Inspector General
Environmental Protection Agency
elkins.arthur@epa.gov

Integrity Committee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Dear Inspector General Elkins:

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing made against employees of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of the Inspector General (EPA OIG).

The IC is charged with receiving, reviewing, and investigating, where appropriate, allegations of misconduct made against Inspectors General (IG) and designated members of an IG's staff. The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office, substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation, or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of such persons.

The IC determined the complaint did not meet the IC's threshold standard for further consideration and closed the matter. However, given the complaint contains allegations against EPA OIG employees, the IC is forwarding this matter to your office for any action deemed appropriate.

Sincerely,

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee

Enclosure



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

June 11, 2018

Integrity Committee
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825
Washington, DC 20006

To the Integrity Committee:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), recently received an allegation from EPA employee (b) (6) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6) retaliated against (b) (6). Specifically, (b) (6) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retaliated by providing false and misleading information about (b) (6), (b) (3) (b) (6), (b) (3) (b) (6), (b) (3)

In addition to filing this complaint with the EPA OIG, (b) (6) has filed a complaint with the EPA's Office of Special Counsel.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) holds one of the positions that the EPA Inspector General has designated under Section 11(d)(4)(C) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. The EPA OIG is precluded from investigating one of its own staff holding such a designated position and instead must follow the process set forth in Section 11(d) of the Inspector General Act. In compliance with these provisions, I am therefore referring this matter to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's Integrity Committee for appropriate action.

Please contact Senior Associate Counsel Steve Alderton at (202) 566-0841 for additional information.

Sincerely,



Alan S. Larsen
Counsel to the Inspector General

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
1301 CONSTITUTION AVE., NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

COMPLAINT #: COMP-2018-83

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE AGENT (if different from prepared by): (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SPECIAL AGENT

COMPLAINT INITIATION

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN	WASHINGTON, DC REGION 3	

NARRATIVE:

On April 9, 2018, Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (AIGI) Patrick Sullivan, Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA. The memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) and addressed to Minoli, concerning allegation of employee misconduct by EPA Administrator E. Scott Pruitt (Administrator Pruitt).

At AIGI Sullivan's direction, administrative cases will be opened to investigate the following allegations: (1) Did Administrator Pruitt's rental agreement with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) constitute a gift; (2) Were EPA Agency Ethics Officials improperly pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator's Pruitt's condominium rental; (3) Did Administrator Pruitt have subordinates at the EPA assist him in finding personal housing; and (4) Did Administrator Pruitt, or subordinate(s) at his direction, reassign or demote staff who attempted to ensure that expenses and other actions taken by the EPA were in accordance with laws and regulations. [Attachment 1]

This complaint will investigate allegation four (4) that Administrator Pruitt, or subordinate(s) at his direction, reassign or demote staff who attempted to ensure that expenses and other actions taken by the EPA were in accordance with laws and regulations.

The memorandum provided the following link as a source of information concerning allegation 4: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html>

Based on the link, five (5) employee past and current employees were identified. For the purposes of tracking, each employee's allegation of retaliation will be opened in separate

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complaints. After contact is made with each employee, should they choose to continue with the investigation, the complaint will be opened as a case. This specific complaint will focus on the allegation concerning:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Should additional EPA employees be identified during the course of this investigation they will also be contacted for interviews.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. United States Office of Government Ethics Memorandum to EPA Designated Agency Ethics Official – 6APR2018



United States
Office of Government Ethics

MAY 14 2018

On February 23, 2018, upon receipt of an anonymous complaint (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleging misconduct on the part of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), I determined that one of the allegations was criminal in nature, the alleged steering of a contract, and the other allegations were administrative in nature, and not criminal. I returned the alleged administrative violations to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for a management inquiry. I assigned the criminal allegation to the Washington Field Office.

At that time, on February 23, 2018, I wrote an email to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) WFO, recusing myself from any involvement with the criminal investigation and asked him to report to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). I have had no involvement whatsoever with the investigation. Although I do not believe that I have a real conflict of interest, I recused myself from involvement with the investigation of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) out of the abundance of caution because of my professional relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). I considered him a professional friend and colleague, not a personal friend. I recused myself because I did not want even a potential appearance of loss of impartiality to allow anyone to question the results of OI's investigation.

To my knowledge, other than the WFO case, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. There are some pending cases in which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may be a witness.

Based upon a May 3, 2018 meeting with the IG, DIG, Counsel and Deputy Counsel, I have decided to recuse myself from any OI case in which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is either a subject or a witness. Again, while my relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was strictly professional, I am doing so out of an abundance of caution to eliminate any appearance of a loss of impartiality or objectivity with OI's investigation of any such investigation.


Patrick F. Sullivan
Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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CASE #: COMP-2018-83

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

PREPARED BY: SPECIAL AGENT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
MEETING

NARRATIVE:

On May 17, 2018 Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Professional Responsibility, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA to discuss specific allegations of employee misconduct and employee retaliation. Specifically, a memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) and addressed to Kevin Minoli Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA, concerning an allegation of employee misconduct by EPA Administrator E. Scott Pruitt (Administrator Pruitt).

SA (b) (6) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) identified themselves as Special Agents with EPA's Office of Inspector General and provided their credentials for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to review. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following relevant information in sum and non-verbatim:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (3), (b) (5)

CASE:
COMP-2018-83

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
May 17, 2018

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DRAFTED DATE:
May 21, 2018

AGENT(S):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) copy of the Rescission of Memoranda of Understanding between the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training and the Office of Homeland Security, dated June 26, 2017. [Attachment 2]

Following the interview, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) copies of Memoranda of Understanding dated June 12, 2006, January 16, 2008, and August 7, 2012, between OCEFT and OHS. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). [Attachment 3]

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Signed Statement by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), dated May 17, 2018



Signed Statement
by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

2. Rescission of Memoranda of Understanding between OCEFT and OHS, dated June 26, 2017



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3. Email containing Memoranda of Understandings date June 12, 2006, January 16, 2008, and August 7, 2012, between OCEFT and OHS



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Statement of

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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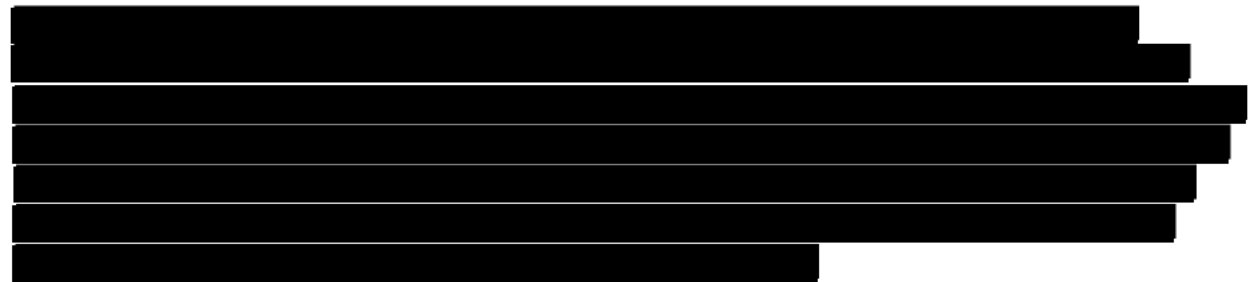
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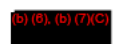
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Rescission of Memoranda of Understanding Between the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training and the Office of Homeland Security

FROM: Henry E. Barnett, Director, Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

THRU: Lawrence E. Starfield, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

TO: David J. Kling, Associate Administrator, Office of Homeland Security

The purpose of this memorandum is to memorialize the discussions held between the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT), the Office of Homeland Security (OHS), the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of the Administrator on June 20, 2017.

Pursuant to our discussions it was agreed that effective June 30, 2017, OHS will return the weapon, badge, credentials, any miscellaneous law enforcement equipment and government operated vehicle currently in the possession of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

It was agreed that OHS will work with OCEFT to ensure a smooth transition of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Finally, the Memoranda of Understanding between OCEFT and OHS dated June 12, 2006, January 16, 2008, and August 7, 2012, are rescinded. Additionally, an undated memorandum with a signature effective date of June 11, 2011 is also rescinded. All memoranda are attached for your reference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 564-2480.

Concurrence: 
Kevin Chmielewski, AO

Attachments (4)

cc: Pamela J. Mazakas, OCEFT
Patrick Sullivan, OIG

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: Follow Up
Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018 3:28:21 PM
Attachments: OHS OCEFT MOU 6-12-06 6-27-17.pdf
OHS OCEFT MOU 1-16-08 6-27-17.pdf
OHS OCEFT MOU 8-7-12 6-27-17.pdf

Thank you for your help with this unfortunate issue. Here are the MOUs.

(b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED]

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:41 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @epa.gov>
Subject: Follow Up

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us today. As follow up, will you provide me with copies of those Memoranda of Understanding dated June 12, 2006, January 16, 2008, and August 7, 2012?

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent
US Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Inspector General - Office of Investigations
Office of Professional Responsibility
☎: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Desk)
☎: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Cell)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JUN 12 2006

OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Potential Transfer of Resources from the Office of the Administrator (Office of Homeland Security) to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training)

FROM: Ray E. Spears
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mary U. Kruger, Director *MLK*
Office of Homeland Security

TO: Catherine McCabe, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator *CMC*
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Peter Murtha, Director *PM*
Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

This Memorandum of Understanding confirms the agreement between the Office of Homeland Security (OHS), located within the Office of the Administrator, and the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT), located within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, whereby OCEFT will assist OHS to fill two full-time positions that will keep the Administrator and other senior Agency officials informed on matters related to homeland and national security. We have determined that there is a strong Agency interest in attracting the best qualified candidates for these extremely vital positions, which will interact with other national security, homeland security, and law enforcement entities to gather and evaluate information concerning potential or suspected violations of U.S. law and threats or acts of terrorism. Given the nature of the work, the Agency seeks the best qualified candidates and intends to advertise the two positions at the GS-14 and GS-14/15 levels. EPA will advertise broadly for both intelligence operations specialists (GS-0132 job classification series) and criminal investigators (GS-1811 job classification series).

If one or both of the positions are filled by GS-0132 intelligence operations specialists, then those individuals will be hired into and report directly to OHS. If, however, one or both of the positions are filled by GS-1811 criminal investigators, then those positions will belong to OCEFT. Day-to-day duties will be coordinated closely

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with OHS. In this event, OHS agrees to transfer one or two FTEs to OCEFT for the position(s) filled by individuals in the GS-1811 series. The Office of the Administrator commits to provide the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance with the necessary 14/15 ceiling to absorb the position(s) if necessary. This funding commitment will continue for as long as any 1811s occupy the positions created through this agreement.

THE RECRUITMENTS

OHS will recruit for the GS-0132 positions (indicating that more than one selection may be made), and OCEFT will recruit simultaneously for the GS-1811 positions (again indicating that more than one selection may be made). The job announcements will run concurrently for 15 working days and close on the same date.

OHS will review the certificates of eligibles generated from GS-0132 vacancy announcements while OCEFT will review the certificates generated from the GS-1811 announcements. Because any criminal investigators, if selected, would coordinate closely on a day-to-day basis with OHS, OCEFT will invite OHS to participate in any interview process and will defer to the determination by OHS as to whether or not to select any 1811 for the advertised positions.

THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR IS SELECTED:

To perform the work, any criminal investigator(s) selected by OCEFT to fulfill this responsibility will be provided work stations in OHS' space.

In return, OHS will transfer a maximum of 2.0 FTEs and accompanying funding to OCEFT to support the criminal investigator(s) selected to work with OHS. This FTE transfer and accompanying funding will be renewed annually to support any criminal investigator positions, whomever may be in those positions, so as to hold OCEFT harmless on any environmental crime investigative capacity that it would otherwise lose. In addition, OHS and OCEFT agree that OHS will fund any travel associated with homeland security issues for these positions, including reimbursement for the leasing of government vehicles and gasoline usage necessary to support OHS' work. However, OCEFT will pay for any travel and other costs associated with the employees' criminal investigator responsibilities, including required weapons recertification, medical monitoring, and "1811-specific" training.

With respect to specific administrative details, OHS and OCEFT agree that the criminal investigators' focus is not on individual case assignments, but rather accumulating information relevant to EPA's homeland security and law enforcement missions, recognizing and exploring potential terrorist threats, and aligning operations and capabilities with these threats. Specifically, they will:

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- Serve as liaisons to the U.S. Government's intelligence and law enforcement communities in order to collect and exchange relevant information;
- Lead EPA efforts to analyze data and intelligence products from other agencies to determine links to EPA's programmatic responsibilities, and evaluate the importance of developing situations;
- Deliver regular intelligence briefings to the Administrator and other Agency leaders, providing expert interpretation, advice, and options; and
- Disseminate classified and sensitive information to those with a "need-to-know" within the Programs and Regions.

Under this agreement, any criminal investigator(s) who is assigned to this work will, for administrative purposes, be an OCEFT employee and, as such, will be responsible to OCEFT for any and all administrative requirements associated with the 1811 job series; e.g., weapons certification, use of government vehicles, physical fitness, etc. In addition,

- An OCEFT manager will be the supervisor of record for any criminal investigator(s) assigned to this work. In assessing the annual performance of the individual(s), the OCEFT supervisor will consult with the OHS Director for primary input into the rating. In addition, the OCEFT manager will permit the OHS Director to sign in concurrence on the performance appraisal and to participate in the mid-year and end-of-year performance appraisals of the individual(s);
- OCEFT will serve as the approving office for personnel actions, including promotions and QSIs, if applicable. In the event that OHS recommends that the criminal investigator(s) receive any monetary award, OHS will pay for the award out of its awards pool. Any QSIs will count against OCEFT's pool. If OHS recommends any time-off awards, then the OHS Director will first consult with the OCEFT manager; and
- For the purposes of the Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS), OCEFT will be responsible for verifying and approving any employee's time each pay period.

We recognize that, in recent years, the visibility, scrutiny and demands on the Agency's homeland security functions have increased dramatically. We, in the Office of the Administrator, fully support this goal and are pleased to enter into this agreement with the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Please sign the agreement as indicated below and return it to Diane Bazzle, Director, Office of Executive Services. Diane will be the contact person for any further questions you may have. She can be reached at (202) 564-0396.

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APPROVED:

Ray E. Spears 6/6/06
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Catherine McCabe 6/12/06
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Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Peter Murtha
Peter Murtha, Director
Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Amendment of the Existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Administrator (Office of Homeland Security) and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training)

FROM: Jonathan Edwards, Acting Director
Office of Homeland Security 
Thomas P. Dunne, Associate Administrator
Office of Homeland Security 

TO: Peter Murtha, Director
Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training
Catherine McCabe, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

The Office of Homeland Security (OHS) is proposing an amendment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OHS and the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT). The original MOU, effective June 12, 2006, outlines the conditions of joint advertisement, selection, supervision, and resource reimbursement for two full-time intelligence positions within OHS. Given the

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most of the original conditions of the MOU are no longer relevant. (The Director of OHS will be (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) official supervisor-of-record, solely responsible for his day-to-day work assignments, performance evaluation, and related personnel actions.) Therefore, this proposed amendment **limits the scope of the MOU** to reimbursement for certain agreed-upon expenses as described below.

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Transfer of Resources


Under this amended MOU, OCEFT will continue to provide (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with timely access to those same services necessary for any of its own criminal investigators to comply with the unique requirements associated with the GS-1811 job series, including:

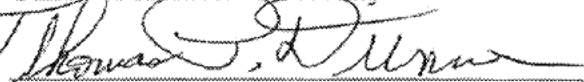
- mandatory 1811-specific training
- medical monitoring
- weapons certification

OHS will reimburse OCEFT for any expenses incurred, including travel. OHS will also reimburse OCEFT annually for the use of a government vehicle (equipped with four-wheel drive and police lights and sirens) and gas usage necessary to support (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) work.

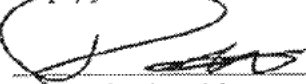
If you agree to the proposed amendment, please sign as indicated below and return it to Diane Bazzle, the Director of the Administrator's Office of Executive Services. Diane can be reached at 202.564.0396.

APPROVED:


Jonathan Edwards, Acting Director
Office of Homeland Security
1/9/08
Date


Thomas P. Dunne, Associate Administrator
Office of Homeland Security
1/9/08
Date


Ray E. Spears
Deputy Chief of Staff
1/18/08
Date


Peter Murtha, Director
Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training
1/15/08
Date


Catherine McCabe
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
1/16/08
Date

Attachment: Original MOU

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OFFICE OF THE
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Update of the Existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Administrator (Office of Homeland Security) and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training)

FROM: *Deborah Y. Dietrich*
Deborah Y. Dietrich, Associate Administrator
Office of Homeland Security

TO: Henry Barnet, Director
Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

The Office of Homeland Security (OHS) is proposing an update to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OHS and the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT). The original MOU, signed on June 12, 2006 and updated on January 18, 2008, states OCEFT will provide (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with timely access to those services and equipment necessary for him to comply with the unique requirements associated with the GS-1811 job series. These items include, but are not limited to, mandatory 1811-specific training, medical monitoring, weapons certification, law enforcement equipment and a Government Owned Vehicle (GOV). The original MOU also states OHS will reimburse OCEFT annually for any expenses related to these or associated items.

OHS recommends the items and activities listed in the current MOU remain in effect. Additionally, OHS offers to allow OCEFT to use (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to supplement the Administrator's Protective Service Detail (PSD) on a limited basis. Due to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) previous experience as the Team Leader of PSD, we feel he is uniquely qualified to render this type of assistance. This assistance will primarily be for PSD activities in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area and for international trips taken by PSD.

When (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assistance is needed, the PSD Team Leader will contact the OCEFT Director who will work directly with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor of record, the

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Deputy Associate Administrator (DAA) for OHS, to discuss his availability. Once the DAA for OHS approves, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will work out the details with the PSD Team Leader directly. At all times, the DAA for OHS will remain (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor of record, solely responsible for his day to day work assignments, performance evaluation and all related personnel actions.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will work with the PSD Team Leader to participate in any PSD training sessions, as needed. Any necessary equipment related to PSD activities will be furnished by OCEFT. This MOU is specific to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) only and does not extend to any future OHS employees. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) shares the same legal authority to perform all PSD functions and activities with the other members of PSD.

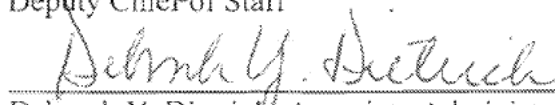
We recognize that, in recent years, the visibility, scrutiny and demands on the Agency's homeland security functions have increased dramatically. We, in the Office of the Administrator, fully support this goal and are pleased to continue our agreement with the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

If you agree with the proposed update to the MOU, please sign as indicated below and return it to Diane Bazzle, Director of Executive Services. Diane can be reached at (202) 564-0396.


APPROVED:



Jose Lozano
Deputy Chief of Staff



Deborah Y. Dietrich, Associate Administrator
Office of Homeland Security



Henry Barnet, Director
Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

APR 26 2018

Integrity Committee
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room (b) (6)
Washington, D.C. 20535

Greetings:

As an Inspector General member of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), I am required annually to provide you with a list of the designated staff member positions for whom allegations of wrongdoing will be referred. They are subject to Integrity Committee consideration. I am required to include staff members who report directly to me. Those staff members are as follows:

- Deputy Inspector General
- Special Assistant

In addition, I am designating the Counsel to the Inspector General, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, and Assistant Inspector General for Management as positions with significant responsibility, such that it is likely that an internal investigation regarding an allegation of wrongdoing on the part of that staff member would lack an appearance of objectivity.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about these designations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur A. Elkins Jr.", written in dark ink.

Arthur A. Elkins Jr.



Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006 • Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov

July 27, 2018

Via Email

Arthur Elkins, Jr.

Inspector General

Environmental Protection Agency

elkins.arthur@epa.gov

Integrity Committee Case (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Dear Inspector General Elkins:

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing made against employees of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General (EPA OIG).

The IC is charged with receiving, reviewing, and investigating, where appropriate, allegations of misconduct made against Inspectors General (IG) and designated members of an IG's staff. The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office, substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation, or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of such persons.

The IC decided to close the matter without an investigation. This determination was made pursuant to IC Policies and Procedures 2018, section 7.C.i and 7.C.ii. However, given the complaint contains allegations against EPA OIG employees, the IC is forwarding this matter to your office for any action deemed appropriate.

Sincerely,

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee

Enclosure

April 13, 2018

Inspector General Scott Dahl, Chairman
Inspector General Deborah Jeffrey, Vice-Chair
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Integrity Committee
1717 H Street, N.W.
Suite 825
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Request for Investigation of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Dear Inspectors General Dahl and Jeffrey:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") respectfully requests that Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Integrity Committee investigate whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) engaged in conduct that undermined (b) (6), independence or integrity.

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As you know, the "statutory mandate of the Integrity Committee ('IC') of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency ('CIGIE') is to receive, review, and refer for investigation allegations of wrongdoing made against Inspectors General or Acting Inspectors General who are members of CIGIE ('IGs'), designated members of the senior staffs of those

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² *Id.*

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IGs, and the Special Counsel and Deputy Special Counsel of the Office of Special Counsel ('OSC'), and to ensure the fair, consistent, timely, and impartial disposition of allegations that fall within the IC's statutory mandate."³

The Integrity Committee Policies and Procedures for 2018, section 7, "IC Review Process and Actions," contains the following "Threshold standard":

The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing against a Covered Person that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office, substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation, *or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of a Covered Person*.⁴

It appears that the information (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) merits review by the Integrity Committee as conduct that may undermine the independence or integrity reasonably expected of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Noah Bookbinder
Executive Director



Ambassador (Ret.) Norman L. Eisen
Chair

³ Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Integrity Committee, Policies and Procedures 2018, available at [https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/Integrity Committee Policies and Procedures Revised Jan-2018 Final.pdf](https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/Integrity%20Committee%20Policies%20and%20Procedures%20Revised%20Jan-2018%20Final.pdf). See also 5 U.S.C. app. § 11(d).

⁴ *Id.* (emphasis added).

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May 22, 2018

Inspector General Scott Dahl, Chairman
Inspector General Deborah Jeffrey, Vice-Chair
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
Integrity Committee
1717 H Street, N.W.
Suite 825
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Supplement to April 13, 2018 Request for Investigation

Dear Inspectors General Dahl and Jeffrey:

We write in reference to the letter Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") sent on April 13, 2018 requesting that the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Integrity Committee conduct an investigation into EPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. Based on new information, we hereby withdraw that request.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

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² *Id.*

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In light of this new information, we withdraw our previous request for investigation.
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Noah Bookbinder
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman L. Eisen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ambassador (Ret.) Norman L. Eisen
Chair

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Integrity-Complaint
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Formal Complaint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Forwarded, please read the complaint outlined below. Thank you. (b) (6)

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From: IC_Complaints [mailto:IC_Complaints@FBI.GOV]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:37 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Formal Complaint To Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Hello:

This email box is no longer being used and is not regularly monitored. If you are making a complaint to the Integrity Committee of CIGIE, please find the current contact info at <https://www.ignet.gov/content/integrity-0>. If you are making a criminal complaint, please contact your local FBI field office, www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices.

Thank you

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:24 PM

To: IC_Complaints <IC_Complaints@FBI.GOV>

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Formal Complaint To Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

I am writing to ask that the CIGIE Integrity Committee reopen my referral of the EPA Office of Inspector General, specifically (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

based upon new or additional information and/or complaints.

(b) (6) has been involved in a number of EPA OIG investigations regarding a variety of referrals including:

- Potential overspending by the EPA Administrator for office renovations, a Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) survey of his office, a 24/7 protective detail including premium commercial air travel despite limited threat analysis, the installation of a sound suppressing booth, etc.
- We were interviewed by the EPA OIG regarding an investigation of an apparent EPA OIG Hotline complaint (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- We supported an ongoing EPA OIG investigation regarding the mishandling of classified information and other anomalous behavior by the EPA Security Management Division (SMD), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (Note: We have highlighted several related issues with the SMD office both to OPM and ODNI over the past five years. A broader investigation will demonstrate potential complicity by EPA OIG in preventing corrective actions years ago that may have prevented the current national security compromise.)

We are concerned that the oversight by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of these investigations represents a significant conflict of interest due to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) apparent efforts to undermine our program operation functions, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

. Taken with his years long hostility to this office noted in the previous complaint, I believe we have a potentially significant breach of ethics, bias controls, and neutrality.

In addition to active EPA OIG investigations, other areas of current EPA OIG concern involve bizarrely inappropriate efforts to make management decisions on behalf of the Agency, specifically (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to influence EPA managers to rewrite EPA Orders (Instructions) to transfer program operating functions from the EPA Intelligence component to the EPA OIG. This appears to be an effort to seize authorities not held by the EPA OIG and/or to undermine our ability to oversee Agency intelligence functions like those described above, in addition to counterintelligence support to the FBI and Insider Threat inquiry. Additionally, we have reviewed a number of media reports that indicate that the EPA OIG has used the same TSCM services that are currently under EPA OIG investigation. Because TSCM is an intelligence function, and we have highlighted a number of potential national security concerns associated with using this particular vendor, we would like to understand the EPA OIG involvement into what may be possible fraud. Without outside oversight, we cannot overcome the apparent conflict of interest of the EPA OIG investigating itself, and blocking our efforts to perform our mission. EPA Intelligence Program personnel have supported several EPA OIG investigations under assurances that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had recused (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) from those investigations. EPA Intelligence has provided EPA OIG investigators with a number of documents, and agreed to hours of interviews. However, from the example below, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is actively critical of our support to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) own investigators.

- During an interview with EPA OIG Agents, EPA Intelligence provided a document contradicting EPA OIG “threat assessments” addressing the Administrator’s protection that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has defended in the media. Immediately following the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reportedly called EPA supervisors expressing extreme anger for the preparation of those documents. The same documents that were turned over to the EPA OIG have now been received by several congressional committees, and are a source of concern.

We are also asking CIGIE to investigate why (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the EPA OIG interfered in a program operations function in the first place addressing the Administrator’s Protection, including defending an extremely flawed document and then challenged the program office that evaluated their “threat assessments” after they were turned over in good faith to EPA OIG investigators.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) maintains very close relationships with two targets of EPA OIG investigations, and (b) (6) habitually interferes with any program that might challenge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) view. Due to this, we have no confidence in the integrity of these investigations, and fear further retaliation by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) once (b) (6) concludes the investigations we understood (b) (6) had no role in supervising.

Please review this matter, and contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or desire supporting information.

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From: IC_Complaints [mailto:IC_Complaints@ic.fbi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:28 AM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Formal Complaint To Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

(b) (6):

The Integrity Committee is in receipt of your complaint and will be in touch once it has been reviewed.

Thank you,

The Integrity Committee Working Group

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:05 PM

To: IC_Complaints <IC_Complaints@ic.fbi.gov>

Cc: Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Caraballo, Mario <Caraballo.Mario@epa.gov>; Kling, David <Kling.Dave@epa.gov>; Reeder, John <Reeder.John@epa.gov>; Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>; (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Formal Complaint To Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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CIGIE Integrity Committee,

I have been advised by Environmental Protection Agency Deputy Inspector General Sheehan that my original complaint to him was too large for him to forward, so he would no longer try. As documented below, he advised I do it myself. (All original emails are available.)

It is not clear to me why the Deputy Inspector General would only refer a complaint under certain circumstances, but in order to ensure I make contact with CIGIE, I am now communicating with you directly and am providing a link to the attachment he attempted to forward for ease of reference. It is still my hope and expectation that Mr. Sheehan will eventually follow up with this referral as he indicated was his responsibility in the email below.

(b) (6)

I am requesting CIGIE investigate a number of misconduct allegations against members of the EPA Office of Inspector General as described in my complaint below. I refer the Committee to DoD IG Report of Investigation 2015000059-07-OCT-15-HQ-FF0 dated 16 July 2015. Note: while the attached link leads to the publically available version, CIGIE certainly already has the entire file.

Therefore, since it is not clear if the Deputy IG intends to act on my complaint, I am moving forward as advised. Until now, I was unaware that if/when an OIG is required to forward an action to CIGIE, the responsibility falls on the complainant to figure out how to do it.

Please contact me with a means of providing additional documentation to the Integrity Committee so that you can properly review this matter. I am prepared to provide numerous exhibits in addition to the information disclosed in the DoD IG Report of Investigation 2015000059-07-OCT-15-HQ-FF0 dated 16 July 2015. I believe it is incumbent upon CIGIE to follow up.

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. When reviewed against the findings and recommendations of the DoD IG report, you will note that the EPA OIG performed extensive media reporting and publically defamatory allegations well in advance of the conduct of an actual investigation. Since all of the EPA OIG allegations were subsequently proven false, that is a problem. I continue to live under the spectra of those allegations, and was recently denied employment to the SES after successfully competing in a national level search, unanimous recommendation by the Department's Executive Review Board, selection by the Department Secretary, and certification of my ECQs by the OPM QRB. When the selection was made public, the Department's OIG contacted the EPA OIG, and the selection was subsequently rescinded. In addition to many other points, I believe it is important to determine what happened. Simply, the activity of the EPA OIG has caused and continues to cause measurable, verifiable, and possibly irreparable damage. What makes this matter so egregious is that their behavior continues today in the form of continuous retaliation.

Key individuals within the EPA chain of command are included in this email, and have been made aware of the action requested. I have provided the reply from Mr. Sheehan and the narrative email of my original complaint below. Thank you. (b) (6)

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(b) (6)

In a subsequent email, Mr. Sheehan stated:

My second attempt to forward your revised package also failed (see below).

You may communicate directly to the Integrity Committee, as is your right. I am not required to forward your matter.

From: Microsoft Outlook

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 4:23 PM

To: Sheehan, Charles

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"Reeder, John" <Reeder.John@epa.gov>

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From: Sheehan, Charles

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:31 PM

To: IC Complaints <IC_Complaints@ic.fbi.gov>

Cc: (b) (6); Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Caraballo, Mario <Caraballo.Mario@epa.gov>; Kling, David <Kling.Dave@epa.gov>; Reeder, John <Reeder.John@epa.gov>; Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Formal Complaint To Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

In accordance with Section 11(d) of the Inspector General Act, I am referring the subject complaint to the Integrity Committee.

Charles Sheehan

Deputy Inspector General, EPA

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:57 PM

To: Sheehan, Charles <Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov>

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Reeder, John <Reeder.John@epa.gov>

Subject: Formal Complaint To Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD—FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

This Memorandum is forwarded to you requesting immediate referral for follow on investigation to the Counsel of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

This action is being taken because the primary focus of this referral includes three "covered" employees of the EPA Office of the Inspector General, specifically (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Additionally, there are several additional employees within the EPA Office of Inspector General (EPA OIG), Office of Investigations (OI) who's conduct should be reviewed by competent authority, but who are not currently "covered" with respect to referral to CIGIE. As the individual making this referral, I state for the record and without qualification that I have no confidence in any component of the EPA Office of Inspector General to conduct a fair, impartial, or just review of itself or any other office at the EPA. Furthermore, until this referral is fully resolved and to prevent continued retaliation, I request that the EPA Office of Inspector General be immediately disqualified from any current or future investigations, audits, evaluations, or interaction involving (b) (6).

This referral is generated to address a long standing and continuous pattern of harassment, bias, misconduct, and a lack of impartiality, objectivity, and ethics on the part of the EPA Office of Inspector General that has manifested itself in repeated employee harassment, gross abuse of authority, repeated ultra vires investigations, and a concerted effort by the named individuals to create a hostile workplace environment in apparent retaliation for disagreements related to the performance of program operating functions between the offices.

Due to the scope of this potential misconduct, and the multiple instances of retaliation, this initial referral is based primarily upon the Department of Defense Inspector General Report of Investigation 2015000059-07-OCT-15-HQ-FF0 (redacted version at attachment). The findings from this document were significant in every respect, but are now more even more troubling because in the nearly two years since this Report was released to EPA officials, no corrective action with respect to the findings has ever been initiated. The Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) has subsequently released a number of documents through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, and the scope of issues documented with the EPA Office of Inspector General are only now becoming apparent. Furthermore, based upon a more complete review of the circumstances surrounding EPA Office of Inspector General actions documented in the Report of Investigations, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED]. Furthermore, the named individuals have continued a highly damaging campaign of retaliation (perhaps as a result of the DoD IG Report) (b) (6)

[REDACTED] This has been demonstrated through continued investigations, the release or disclosure of EPA Office of Investigations opinions to EPA leadership, the possible transmission of derogatory information to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, and a pattern of intimidation of OHS management that appears intended to disrupt the manager/subordinate relationships within OHS.

Summary

The specific nature of this complaint involves the actions prior to and including those documented in the DoD IG Report of Investigation 2015000059-07-OCT-15-HQ-FF0 dated 16 July 2015. Furthermore, I request the investigation of numerous EPA Office of Inspector General actions subsequent to the release of the DOD IG Report which continue the pattern of harassment and abuse of authority. As the DoD IG Report was released (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), I find it very difficult to comprehend why an actual witness in the DoD investigation was allowed to control the Report, "quash" the information provided, and was not compelled to recuse (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to allow appropriate corrective action to occur.

I believe (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED], and several non-covered EPA OIG employees have compromised their ability to uphold the standards expected of an Office of Inspector General, as well as Federal Ethics Guidelines.

I have extracted key passages from several governing documents, and highlighted some specific areas of concern. I do not find that the EPA OIG is acting consistent with their own investigative standards, specifically the OIG lacks the requisite **Impartiality, Objectivity, and Ethics**. Further, I ask for a review of the level of authority required to initiate what I believe has amounted to a series of *ultra vires* investigations, which have and continue to cause significant if not irreparable damage to the professional careers and personal lives of me and my team. Following the latest round of EPA OIG interference and disparagement in OHS activities, I must assert we are again witnessing a pattern of gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, and conduct so egregious that it undermines the integrity reasonably expected of an Inspector General and their office. I believe an independent investigation (if not based upon current activities), then at minimum to address the unresolved issues related to the DoD IG Report is fully warranted. I am making this referral in my official capacity, and am including notifications to leadership in my organizational structure.

References:

INVESTIGATIVE STANDARDS

Character—Each investigator must possess and maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics, including unimpeachable honesty and integrity. Every citizen is entitled to have confidence in the integrity of Government employees, particularly investigators who routinely access sensitive information and execute search and arrest warrants. Further, investigative personnel may be subject to statutory and legal requirements relating to integrity (Giglio, Lautenberg, Brady,¹ etc.). Consequently, OIGs should establish sound hiring policies to adequately screen applicants for investigative positions. Processes to consider include, but are not limited to, criminal history checks, queries of commercially available databases, drug testing, personal interviews, previous employment and reference checks, and background investigations. OIGs should also have policies that require investigative personnel to report any arrest, conviction, or other potential misconduct issue that would jeopardize their performance of duties. Such policies may also include requiring investigative personnel to be subject to periodic criminal history and background checks.

Guidelines

This standard requires:

Thoroughness—All investigations must be conducted in a diligent and complete manner, and reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that pertinent issues are sufficiently resolved and to ensure that all appropriate criminal, civil, contractual, or administrative remedies are considered.

Legal Requirements—Investigations should be initiated, conducted, and reported in accordance with (a) all applicable laws, rules, and regulations; (b) guidelines from the Department of Justice and other prosecuting authorities; and (c) internal agency policies and procedures. Investigations should be conducted with due respect for the rights and privacy of those involved.

Appropriate Techniques—Specific methods and techniques used in each investigation should be appropriate for the circumstances and objectives.

Impartiality—All investigations must be conducted in a fair and equitable manner, with the perseverance necessary to determine the facts.

Objectivity—Evidence must be gathered and reported in an unbiased and independent manner in an effort to determine the validity of an allegation or to resolve an issue. This includes inculpatory and exculpatory information.

Ethics—At all times, the actions of the investigator and the investigative organization must conform with all applicable standards of ethical conduct.

Timeliness—All investigations should be conducted and reported in a timely manner. This is especially critical given the impact investigations have on the lives of individuals and activities of organizations. Hence, the effectiveness of an investigator depends, in part, on the promptness of finished work products, such as prepared findings and

The investigator is a fact-gatherer and should not allow conjecture, unsubstantiated opinion, bias, or personal observations or conclusions to affect work assignments. He or she also has a duty to be receptive to evidence that is exculpatory, as well as incriminating. The investigator should collect and analyze evidence through a number

of techniques, including, but not limited to, interviews of complainants, witnesses, victims, and subjects; reviews of records; surveillance and consensual monitoring; undercover operations; and use of computer technology.

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Case Initiation—An organization should establish guidelines, including the level of the approving authority, for making a determination to initiate an investigation or to pursue another course of action. Case assignments should be based on resource considerations, geographical dispersion and level of experience of personnel, and current workloads. A decision not to investigate (refer to another entity or take no action) should be documented.

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II. Ethics, Independence, and Confidentiality

A. General Standards

The Inspector General (IG) and Office of Inspector General staff shall adhere to the highest ethical principles by conducting their work with integrity.

Integrity is the cornerstone of all ethical conduct, ensuring adherence to accepted codes of ethics and practice. Objectivity, independence, professional judgment, and confidentiality are all elements of integrity.

Objectivity imposes the obligation to be impartial, intellectually honest, and free of conflicts of interest.

Independence is a critical element of objectivity. Without independence, both in fact and in appearance, objectivity is impaired.

Professional judgment requires working with competence and diligence. Competence is a combination of education and experience and involves a commitment to learning and professional improvement. Professional standards for audits, investigations, and inspections and evaluations require continuing professional education (see the Managing Human Capital standard). Diligence requires that services be rendered promptly, carefully, and thoroughly, and by observing the applicable professional and ethical standards.

Confidentiality requires respecting the value and ownership of privileged, sensitive, or classified information received and protecting that information, and safeguarding the identity of confidential informants. In some instances, legal or professional obligations may require an OIG to disclose information it has received.

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B. Standards for Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch

The IG and OIG staff should follow the *Standards for Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch* (Ethical Standards) and the Federal conflict of interest laws. These standards guide the Inspector General and the OIG staff to respect and adhere to the 14 principles of ethical conduct, as well as the implementing standards contained in the Ethical Standards and in supplemental agency regulations. The first principle emphasizes that public service is a public trust, requiring employees to place loyalty to the Constitution, laws, and ethical principles above private gain.

CIGIE has established a "Threshold Standard" to be considered before the IC will further review the allegation. The Threshold Standard is defined as a violation of any law, rule or regulation, or gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds or abuse of authority, or conduct so serious that it may undermine the independence or integrity reasonably expected of an IG or OIG senior staff member.

(b) (6)

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(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Integrity-Complaint
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Formal Complaint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

CIGIE Integrity Committee,

This email is intended to amplify the attached referral, and requests the Integrity Committee broaden its review of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General.

The EPA Administrator has increased Agency spending on his personal security to a significant level beyond that of any previous EPA Administrator. As late as last Thursday, 26 April 2018, the Administrator cited during Congressional Testimony that the EPA OIG had prepared Threat Assessments to justify the increase in expenditure. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
[REDACTED]

For the past several months, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has provided multiple media outlets with interviews explaining EPA OIG assessments to justify the Administrator's increased spending. However, based upon congressional requests and whistleblower referrals, the EPA OIG is now investigating/auditing the same spending increases that they have publically argued are justified and that were referenced during congressional testimony.

EPA Intelligence Officials have reviewed the referenced EPA OIG Threat Assessment, and consulted with the interagency (U.S. Secret Service). The conclusions from the program office responsible for Protective Intelligence are different from those of the EPA OIG. When the EPA OIG was provided with those conclusions, it was reported that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted management to complain and challenged the information that conflicted with (b) (6) conclusions.

I request CIGIE review this matter for conflict of interest by the EPA OIG. It is difficult to have confidence in the conclusions of the EPA OIG about an investigation or audit of information that they produced, and have publically defended. I'd also like CIGIE to review the assumption of a program operating function (Protective Intelligence) by the EPA OIG, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) raising derogatory objections to EPA management when the program office responsible for Protective Intelligence produced a Report that contradicted his findings.

Finally, I request CIGIE investigate EPA OIG neutrality in agreeing to investigate/audit a situation that the EPA OIG was instrumental in creating. A very simple media search of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and review of the Administrator's testimony from 26 April clearly demonstrates the EPA OIG's intimate involvement in the very issue they are now investigating/auditing.

(b) (6)

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Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006 • Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov

May 30, 2018

Via Email

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Integrity Committee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Request for Response

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) is charged with receiving, reviewing, and investigating, where appropriate, allegations of misconduct made against Inspectors General (IG) and designated members of an IG's staff. The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office; substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation; or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of such persons.

The IC accepted for review the following complaint alleging wrongdoing on your part: it is alleged that you abused your authority in the exercise of official duties and engaged in conduct that undermined your independence or integrity.

The IC requests your response to these allegations within 20 days of receipt of this letter. Please note this is your opportunity to fully address the issues and provide any supporting documents prior to the IC deliberation. In your response, please provide information regarding the following:

1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
3. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
4. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The Integrity Committee is composed of four Inspectors General and executives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Government Ethics. For more information, please visit <https://www.igncl.gov/content/integrity-0>.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

You may submit your response and any questions you have regarding this request in writing to: email: Integrity-WG@CIGIE.GOV, or mailing address: Attention Integrity Committee, CIGIE, 1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Dahl", written in a cursive style.

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 12:08 PM
To:
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

Below are my answers to the questions posed by the Integrity Committee:

1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)
[REDACTED]
2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)
[REDACTED]
3. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
[REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

To report fraud, waste or abuse impacting EPA, please contact the EPA OIG Hotline via telephone numbers 202-566-2476 or 888-546-8740, fax 202-566-2599, or email at oig_hotline@epa.gov

To report threats directed against EPA employees, contractors, facilities and assets, please email report.EPA.threats@epa.gov

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 8:47 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

Good Morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Your extension request is approved, I will notify the Integrity Committee.

Thank you for providing this additional information for Integrity Committee review.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

AUG 26 2015

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Honorable Michael Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 4760
Washington, D.C. 20530
RE: Referral by CIGIE of Investigative Matter

Dear Michael:

In January 2014, I wrote to Phyllis Fong, the then-Chair of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), requesting her assistance in identifying another Office of Inspector General's (OIG's) Office of Investigations that could undertake a sensitive internal administrative investigation at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I made the request so that the EPA OIG could avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest in investigating a matter that involved our own people. Through CIGIE's efforts, the Department of Defense OIG agreed to undertake the investigation.

I am writing to inform CIGIE that the Department of Defense OIG has completed its investigation and issued its report to the EPA OIG and the EPA. I very much appreciate the role that CIGIE played in this matter, and more generally the role that CIGIE is able to play in ensuring that OIGs have a mechanism for referring matters to another OIG for assistance where the appearance of a conflict exists. I have also directly thanked the Department of Defense Inspector General for his office's work on this matter.

Sincerely,



Arthur A. Elkins Jr.

cc: Mark Jones, CIGIE Executive Director

Message

From: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: 12/15/2014 4:55:37 PM
To: Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
CC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: IC Contact Information

Al,

Per our conversation, you can forward the information to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or via their general email box at IC_Complaints@ic.fbi.gov. Although, I am sharing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) email address, when there are outside folks that would like to submit allegations, we provide the IC_Complaints email address.

Please let me know if you need anything additional.

Thanks

Mark

Message

From: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: 2/6/2014 8:47:36 PM
To: Shelley, Henry C., SES, OIG DoD [Henry.Shelley@DODIG.MIL]
CC: Gross, David R., OIG DoD [David.Gross@DODIG.MIL]; Sullivan, Patrick F. [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]; Yonish, Brian., OIG DoD [Brian.Yonish@DODIG.MIL]; Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Request for Investigative Assistance

Henry,

Thanks, next step would be to work with EPA/OIG to establish an MOU/MOA with them to provide your offices assistance on a reimbursable basis. You will most likely need to work with Al Larsen (larsen.alan@epa.gov) on the MOU; however, I defer to Patrick on this. And then your investigative team could work out the details with Patrick to conduct the investigation. (CIGIE would not be part of the MOU/MOA.)

For EPA/OIG's purposes, if they believe they need documentation that reflects that they were not involved in the selection of the OIG to perform the investigative services, this email trail could serve as that documentation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mark

From: Shelley, Henry C., SES, OIG DoD [mailto:Henry.Shelley@DODIG.MIL]
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Mark Jones
Cc: Gross, David R., OIG DoD; sullivan.patrick@epa.gov; Yonish, Brian., OIG DoD
Subject: FW: Request for Investigative Assistance

Mark,

Mr. Rymer has approved the request from the EPA IG for investigative assistance. What is the next step?

Henry C. Shelley, Jr.
General Counsel
Office of Inspector General
Department of Defense

From: Gross, David R., OIG DoD
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:09 AM
To: Shelley, Henry C., SES, OIG DoD
Subject: FW: Request for Investigative Assistance

Henry,

Attached is the letter from EPA OIG to CIGIE with more information. The POC at EPA OIG is:

Patrick Sullivan, AIG for Investigations, 202-566-0308, sullivan.patrick@epa.gov

Mark Jones left him a message earlier this morning letting him know that someone from our office would be reaching out to him.

V/R,

Dave

From: Mark Jones [mailto:Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 11:31 AM
To: Gross, David R., OIG DoD
Subject: RE: Request for Investigative Assistance

The answer is no to both. To give you the full picture, I am sending the letter that EPA sent but ask that you keep it close hold.

Mark

From: Gross, David R., OIG DoD [mailto:David.Gross@DODIG.MIL]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 9:00 AM
To: Mark Jones
Subject: RE: Request for Investigative Assistance
Importance: High

Mark,

I received a couple of questions right off the bat. I think I know the answer, but wanted to check with you to make sure.

Are senior level folks or reprisal allegations involved? I don't believe so, but please confirm.

Has this gone to the Integrity Committee? If I am correct in my last answer, then, no, this wouldn't have gone to the Integrity Committee.

Thanks.

Dave

From: Mark Jones [mailto:Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:26 PM
To: Gross, David R., OIG DoD
Subject: Request for Investigative Assistance

Dave,

Per our conversation, CIGIE has received a request from the EPA/OIG for assistance in identifying an OIG office willing and available to conduct an investigation on a matter involving EPA/OIG personnel and EPA personnel.

The matter to be investigated involve allegations of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. These allegations were presented to the Federal Protective Service (FPS), whom conducted a limited scope investigation regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. Upon conclusion of FPS' investigation, they referred their report to the U.S. Attorney's office for consideration and the AUSA declined prosecution, recommending that the case be handled administratively. Because the FPS limited the scope of the investigation, the investigation did not address allegations of any potential administrative misconduct.

Due to the personnel involved in the matter above, EPA/OIG has requested that CIGIE assist in identifying an OIG that would be willing and available to conduct a sensitive internal administrative investigation. EPA/OIG has informed that it

will be necessary for the OIG personnel conducting the investigation have familiarity (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

Additionally, EPA/OIG has informed CIGIE that they have received assurances from the EPA General Counsel that the EPA will cooperate fully with an outside OIG that conducts the investigation.

I am reaching out to your office to see if you would be willing and available to enter into an agreement to conduct such an investigation. As mentioned in our discussion, I have further information I am willing to share if it appears that your office has an interest and are available to conduct such an investigation.

Thanks

Mark

Message

From: Larsen, Alan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F5C96E714C314C7AA36C27E3181C8FAE-LARSEN, ALAN]
Sent: 12/16/2014 2:23:59 PM
To: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Subject: RE: IC Contact Information

Thanks Mark. I will pursue this with (b) (6), (b) (7) (C)

From: Mark Jones [mailto:Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 11:56 AM
To: Larsen, Alan
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: IC Contact Information

Al,

Per our conversation, you can forward the information to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or via their general email box at IC_Complaints@ic.fbi.gov. Although, I am sharing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) email address, when there are outside folks that would like to submit allegations, we provide the IC_Complaints email address.

Please let me know if you need anything additional.

Thanks

Mark



Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006 • Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov

August 15, 2018

Via Email

Alan S. Larsen

Counsel to the Inspector General

Environmental Protection Agency

larsen.alan@epa.gov

Re: Complaint to the Integrity Committee

Dear Mr. Larsen:

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing referred by your office to the IC on June 11, 2018, involving (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA OIG).

The IC is charged with receiving, reviewing, and investigating, where appropriate, allegations of misconduct made against Inspectors General (IG) and designated members of an IG's staff. The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office; substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation; or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of such persons.

After thoroughly reviewing the allegations and supporting information provided, the IC determined that it will take no further action on this matter at this time. This determination was made pursuant to the IC Policies and Procedures 2018 sections 7.C.i and 7.C.v. This determination is made solely pursuant to the IC's authorities and is not binding on any collateral or other proceeding. Thank you for submitting this matter to the IC.

Sincerely,

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee

Message

From: (b) (6)
Sent: 7/30/2018 6:31:28 PM
To: Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Thank you Mr. Larsen!

(b) (6)
CIGIE, IC Program Director
(b) (6) Office)
202-254-0162 (Fax)
Suite 825
1717 H St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
www.IGnet.gov

From: Larsen, Alan <Larsen.Alan@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 1:01 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Thank you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Larsen, Alan <Larsen.Alan@epa.gov>
Cc: (b) (6); Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Dear Mr. Larsen,

Thank you for contacting the Integrity Committee with your question.

The "matters" are the complaints/allegations received by the Integrity Committee (IC) against an individual under the authority of the IC, which were enclosed along with the subject's response to the allegations. The case numbers are what we assigned, but wouldn't have any meaning/use on your end other than a reference if you need to contact us with specific questions in the future.

These documents were forwarded to IG Elkins for any action he deems appropriate. The IC will take no further action on these matters at this time.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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CIGIE, IC Program Director
(b) (6) Office)
202-254-0162 (Fax)
Suite 825

From: Larsen, Alan <Larsen.Alan@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Subject: FW: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

As you requested, I am confirming that Mr. Elkins has received the attached letter from Mr. Dahl. We do not have prior IC correspondence using case numbers (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). From the other attachment you sent, it would appear that these are two cases arising from inquiries to the IC regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6). The letter from Mr. Dahl does not provide information about the subject matter of these cases. Could you please confirm which matters these cases addressed? Thank you.

Alan Larsen
Counsel to the Inspector General

From: Elkins, Arthur
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Sheehan, Charles <Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov>; Larsen, Alan <Larsen.Alan@epa.gov>; Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Fyi...

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Dear Inspector General Elkins,

Please find attached correspondence from the Integrity Committee. We would sincerely appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this document at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

Message

From: (b) (6)
Sent: 7/30/2018 3:49:39 PM
To: Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
CC: (b) (6); Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
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Sent: 7/30/2018 5:00:34 PM
To: (b) (6)
CC: (b) (6); Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Thank you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6)

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Integrity Committee Working Group



Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

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July 27, 2018

Via Email

Arthur Elkins, Jr.

Inspector General

Environmental Protection Agency

elkins.arthur@epa.gov

Integrity Committee Case (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Dear Inspector General Elkins:

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing made against employees of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General (EPA OIG).

The IC is charged with receiving, reviewing, and investigating, where appropriate, allegations of misconduct made against Inspectors General (IG) and designated members of an IG's staff. The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office, substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation, or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of such persons.

The IC decided to close the matter without an investigation. This determination was made pursuant to IC Policies and Procedures 2018, section 7.C.i and 7.C.ii. However, given the complaint contains allegations against EPA OIG employees, the IC is forwarding this matter to your office for any action deemed appropriate.

Sincerely,

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee

Enclosure

April 13, 2018

Inspector General Scott Dahl, Chairman
Inspector General Deborah Jeffrey, Vice-Chair
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Integrity Committee
1717 H Street, N.W.
Suite 825
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Request for Investigation of EPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Dear Inspectors General Dahl and Jeffrey:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") respectfully requests that Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Integrity Committee investigate whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) engaged in conduct that undermined (b) (6), independence or integrity.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As you know, the "statutory mandate of the Integrity Committee ('IC') of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency ('CIGIE') is to receive, review, and refer for investigation allegations of wrongdoing made against Inspectors General or Acting Inspectors General who are members of CIGIE ('IGs'), designated members of the senior staffs of those

¹ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

² *Id.*

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IGs, and the Special Counsel and Deputy Special Counsel of the Office of Special Counsel ('OSC'), and to ensure the fair, consistent, timely, and impartial disposition of allegations that fall within the IC's statutory mandate."³

The Integrity Committee Policies and Procedures for 2018, section 7, "IC Review Process and Actions," contains the following "Threshold standard":

The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing against a Covered Person that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office, substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation, *or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of a Covered Person*.⁴

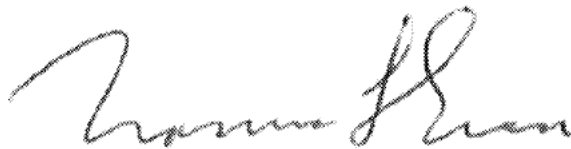
It appears that the information (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) merits review by the Integrity Committee as conduct that may undermine the independence or integrity reasonably expected of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Noah Bookbinder
Executive Director



Ambassador (Ret.) Norman L. Eisen
Chair

³ Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Integrity Committee, Policies and Procedures 2018, available at [https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/Integrity Committee Policies and Procedures Revised Jan-2018 Final.pdf](https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/Integrity%20Committee%20Policies%20and%20Procedures%20Revised%20Jan-2018%20Final.pdf). See also 5 U.S.C. app. § 11(d).

⁴ *Id.* (emphasis added).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

May 22, 2018

Inspector General Scott Dahl, Chairman
Inspector General Deborah Jeffrey, Vice-Chair
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
Integrity Committee
1717 H Street, N.W.
Suite 825
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Supplement to April 13, 2018 Request for Investigation

Dear Inspectors General Dahl and Jeffrey:

We write in reference to the letter Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") sent on April 13, 2018 requesting that the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Integrity Committee conduct an investigation into EPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. Based on new information, we hereby withdraw that request.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In light of this new information, we withdraw our previous request for investigation.
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noah Bookbinder', with a stylized, cursive script.

Noah Bookbinder
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman L. Eisen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ambassador (Ret.) Norman L. Eisen
Chair

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Duplicates of pages 38-54 removed.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

June 11, 2018

Integrity Committee
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825
Washington, DC 20006

To the Integrity Committee:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), recently received an allegation (b) (6) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retaliated against (b) (6) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retaliated by providing false and misleading information about (b) (6), (b) (3)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C). In addition to filing this complaint with the EPA OIG, (b) (6) has filed a complaint with the EPA's Office of Special Counsel.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) holds one of the positions that the EPA Inspector General has designated under Section 11(d)(4)(C) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. The EPA OIG is precluded from investigating one of its own staff holding such a designated position and instead must follow the process set forth in Section 11(d) of the Inspector General Act. In compliance with these provisions, I am therefore referring this matter to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's Integrity Committee for appropriate action.

Please contact Senior Associate Counsel Steve Alderton at (202) 566-0841 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Alan S. Larsen
Counsel to the Inspector General

Message

From: Mason, Darryl [Mason.Darryl@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/28/2019 5:12:47 PM
To: Integrity-WG@cigie.gov
CC: Sheehan, Charles [Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov]; Shields, Edward [Shields.Ed@epa.gov]; (b) (6)
Subject: Designated Positions Under Integrity Committee Authority - EPA-OIG
Attachments: Designated Positions Under IG Purview - 2019.pdf

Greetings:

Please find attached per your request.

v/r,

Darryl Mason
Special Assistant to the Inspector General
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Inspector General - Immediate Office
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., MC: 2410T
Washington, D.C. 20460
Phone: (202) 566-0871
Wireless: (b) (6)
FAX: (202) 566-0857

**Love itself is what is left over when
being in love has burned away,...**

Louis de Bernières

[IG\DIG meeting request click here](#)

From: Council of IGs Liaisons (b) (6) **On Behalf Of** Atticus Reaser
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:09 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Action requested by 5/31/2019 - Request for Designated Positions Under Integrity Committee Authority

CIGIE Members:

This is an annual reminder to submit your list of designated staff members to the Integrity Committee (IC). Please review this request carefully before submitting your list.

Pursuant to section 11(d)(4)(C) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. (IG Act), each Inspector General (IG) member of CIGIE must annually submit to the Chairperson of the IC a designation of positions that are subject to the authority of the IC. Specifically, as reflected in the 2018 IC Policies and Procedures, each IG must submit to CIGIE's Executive Director and the IC Chairperson a designation of the positions that report directly to the IG and any positions with significant responsibilities such that, in the judgment of the IG and depending on the size and organization of the IG office, there is a heightened risk that an internal investigation of them would lack objectivity in fact or appearance.

Please note, most IGs designate, at a minimum, their Deputy IG, Counsel to the IG, Assistant IG for Investigations, Chief of Staff, and Special Assistants to the IG, even if such positions do not report directly to the IG. A majority also designate all other Assistant IG positions. If you have questions regarding designations within your organization, please contact the IC Working Group using the contact information below.

To ensure the IC has a complete directory, please include the name and contact information for the current occupants of all designated positions, including those who are filling positions in an acting capacity. Please inform the IC Working Group as soon as practical of any updates to position designations or designated position occupants throughout the year.

In the interest of transparency and educating the public about the IC, the IC is considering making designated positions in each OIG publicly available on its webpage on IGS.gov. The name of occupants of the designated positions will not be included in such public display. Please note with your submission if you have any concerns about the public display of designated positions at your OIG.

Finally, we request that you provide the contact information for a senior official in your office to whom the IC Working Group can forward complaints when those complaints involve an OIG employee in your office that is not subject to the IC's authority. If no point of contact is identified, the IC Working Group will continue to forward such complaints directly to the IG.

Please submit the requested information to the IC by May 31, 2019, as follows:

via U.S. mail to:

CIGIE

Attn: Integrity Committee

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825

Washington, DC 20006

-or-

via e-mail to: Integrity-WG@cigie.gov

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Atticus J. Reaser

General Counsel

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825

Washington DC 20006-3900

Direct Dial: (b) (6)

Main: 202-292-2600

(b) (6)

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

MAY 28 2019

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

CIGIE

Attn: Integrity Committee
1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825
Washington, D.C. 20006

Greetings:

As a Deputy Inspector General member of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), I am required annually to provide you with a list of the designated staff member positions for whom allegations of wrongdoing will be referred and subject to Integrity Committee consideration. I am required to include the following staff members who report directly to me:

- Associate Deputy Inspector General
- Special Assistant

In addition, I am designating the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, Assistant Inspector General for Management, and Counsel to the Inspector General as positions with significant responsibility such that it is likely that an internal investigation regarding an allegation of wrongdoing on the part of that staff member would lack an appearance of objectivity.

As requested, below are the names and contact information for the current occupants of all designated positions:

- Edward Shields, Associate Deputy Inspector General, 202-566-2561
- Eric Hanger, Acting Counsel to the Inspector General, 202-566-0866
- Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, 202-566-1007
- Helina Wong, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, 202-566-0308
- James Nussbaumer, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Management, 202-566-2583

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about these designations.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Sheehan
Charles J. Sheehan
Deputy Inspector General

Message

From: Hanger, Eric [Hanger.Eric@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/20/2018 10:04:36 PM
To: Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov
CC: Sheehan, Charles [Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov]; Shields, Edward [Shields.Ed@epa.gov]; Christensen, Kevin [Christensen.Kevin@epa.gov]; (b) (6)
Subject: Referral of Allegations
Attachments: EPA OIG Referral to Integrity Committee 12.20.18.pdf; 2018-10-04 - EPA DI Referral.pdf

Please see attached letter and enclosure concerning allegations of wrongdoing made against a former designated senior staff of the EPA OIG. If there are any questions, I can be reached at the number below.

Eric Hanger
Acting Counsel to the IG
(202) 566-0866



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

December 20, 2018

The Honorable Scott Dahl
Chairperson, Integrity Committee
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
1717 H Street NW, Suite 825
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Dahl:

Pursuant to Section 11(d) of the Inspector General Act, I am referring to the Integrity Committee certain whistleblower allegations described in a letter dated October 4, 2018, from Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner to the Honorable Andrew Wheeler, Acting Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).¹

While the allegations in the letter describe certain whistleblower disclosures regarding the EPA and the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), I am only referring the allegations against the OIG, which are found in "Part B" of the letter. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

If you have any questions about this or any other matter, I can be reached at (202) 566-0866 or at hanger.eric@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Eric W. Hanger
Acting Counsel to the Inspector General

Enclosure

¹ On November 15, 2018, the EPA's Chief of Staff referred the letter to the OIG for action.

² "Part A" of Mr. Kerner's letter concerns allegations against the former EPA Administrator. The EPA OIG will respond to those allegations separately.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Message

From: Mark Jones [mark.jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: 2/19/2016 1:16:05 PM
To: Sullivan, Patrick F. [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE February 26, 2016

Thanks

From: Sullivan, Patrick F. [mailto:Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 8:02 AM
To: Mark Jones
Cc: Elkins, Arthur; Sheehan, Charles; Larsen, Alan
Subject: FW: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE February 26, 2016

Mark,

IG Arthur Elkins asked me to respond to you on behalf of the EPA OIG.

At this time, our investigative case load is such that we cannot support Integrity Committee administrative investigations.

However, in the future, if our case load allows, we will let you know.

Thank you,

Patrick F. Sullivan

Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

EPA Office of Inspector General

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Cell: (b) (6)

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Email: sullivan.patrick@epa.gov

From: Mark Jones <mark.jones@CIGIE.GOV>
Date: February 15, 2016 at 8:28:57 AM EST
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE February 26, 2016
Reply-To: Mark Jones <mark.jones@CIGIE.GOV>

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We appreciate your consideration of this important responsibility.

Thanks

Mark

Message

From: Bob Ray (b) (6)
Sent: 3/19/2013 12:51:52 PM
To: Sullivan, Patrick F. [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: AIGI Training Conference - UPDATED Information - March 18

Thank you, sir. If you have any specific training items you would like to discuss at the conference, please let me know and I'll ensure that I thoroughly research the subject(s) and prepare a briefing.

v/r

Bob R.

Robert E. Ray, Special Agent
Program Manager for Basic Training
Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
384 Marana Circle
Glynco, GA 31524
(b) (6) ~ Office
(b) (6) ~ Mobile
(b) (6)

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From: Sullivan, Patrick F. [mailto:Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 11:52 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Bob Ray; sullivanmb@SEC.gov; hoeckerc@SEC.gov; wayne.h.salzgaber@usdoj.gov; shawn.a.bray@usdoj.gov; (b) (6)
Subject: AIGI Training Conference - UPDATED Information - March 18

Colleagues,

Reference is made to my email message dated February 12, 2013.

The AIGI Training Conference will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 and 24, 2013, at EPA Headquarters (Federal Triangle stop of Orange and Blue lines). Use the entrance at 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW.

We will meet in a large ceremonial function room, just off the main lobby. EPA OIG personnel will be posted in the lobby to guide you and expedite your entry. Federal law enforcement officers on official business are permitted to carry firearms.

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Thank you,

Patrick J. Sullivan

Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

EPA Office of Inspector General

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Email: sullivan.patrick@epa.gov

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From: Sullivan, Patrick F. [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/18/2013 3:52:25 PM
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- **April 24, we will start at 9:00am (sharp) and end at 5:00pm.**

On March 15, 2013, AIGI John Dupuy (DHS OIG), AIGI Curtis Flood (PBGC OIG) and I reviewed all of the proposed agenda topics submitted by various AIGIs.

We have developed the following draft itinerary:

DRAFT Agenda for AIGI Training Conference

Proposed Guest Speakers

- (b) (5)

Updates

- CIGIE Investigations Committee (IG Carl Hoecker)
- PFCRA Update (NSF OIG)
- Computer Forensics Update (ED OIG)
- Training Issues (CIGIE IG CIA)

Proposed Topics

- (b) (5)

Shortly, we will be reaching out to those AIGIs who submitted proposals so we can refine the agenda. In some cases, the OIG listed above did not submit the proposal, but it was the opinion of the planning committee that the OIG listed had a particular expertise in the area.

If you have any comments on the proposed agenda, please reply to me, sullivan.patrick@epa.gov, with a copy to john.dupuy@oig.dhs.gov and flood.curtis@pbgc.gov.

Thank you,

Patrick F. Sullivan

Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

EPA Office of Inspector General

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Message

From: Schmitz, Michelle [Michelle.Schmitz@opm.gov]
Sent: 3/22/2013 6:17:33 PM
To: Sullivan, Patrick F. [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
CC: john.dupuy@oig.dhs.gov; kimberley.howell@opm.gov; hoeckerc@SEC.gov; AARONJ2@ucia.gov; cranep@oig.treas.gov; Mark Jones (Mark.Jones@cigie.gov) [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]; McFarland, Patrick E [Patrick.McFarland@opm.gov]; Vint, Norbert E [Norbert.Vint@opm.gov]
Subject: RE: AIGI Training Conference

Pat: Pat McFarland asked me to reply to your request. He suggests that you contact Mark Jones at CIGIE with the request for a speaker on this topic. You may also wish to contact the Investigations Committee, since the Integrity Committee would only examine complaints involving designated Senior Staff.

Michelle Schmitz
Assistant Inspector General for Investigations
Office of the Inspector General
U.S. Office of Personnel Management

From: Sullivan, Patrick F. [mailto:Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 11:09 AM
To: McFarland, Patrick E
Cc: john.dupuy@oig.dhs.gov; Schmitz, Michelle; kimberley.howell@opm.gov; hoeckerc@SEC.gov; AARONJ2@ucia.gov; cranep@oig.treas.gov
Subject: AIGI Training Conference

Pat,

AIGI John Dupuy, DHS OIG, and I are co-chairs of this year's AIGI Training Conference. It is scheduled for April 23 and 24, 2013, at EPA Headquarters, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

We have not yet finalized the agenda.

One of the proposed topics is entitled "(b) (5)" [REDACTED]

(b) (5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

We are thinking of having a panel of AIGI's discuss the various approaches. If possible, we would like a representative from the CIGIE Integrity Committee to also participate in the panel.

Please let me know your thoughts about this proposed topic and possible participation on the panel by the Integrity Committee.

Regards,

Patrick F. Sullivan
Assistant Inspector General for Investigations
EPA Office of Inspector General

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Message

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: 6/29/2018 4:09:04 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CC: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We received your email. Thank you for providing this information for Integrity Committee review.

Sincerely,

Integrity Committee Working Group

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 12:08 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Below are my answers to the questions posed by the Integrity Committee:

1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

[Redacted]

3. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

[Redacted]

4. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

[Redacted]

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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To report threats directed against EPA employees, contractors, facilities and assets, please email report.EPA.threats@epa.gov

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 8:47 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

Good Morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Your extension request is approved, I will notify the Integrity Committee.

Thank you for providing this additional information for Integrity Committee review.

Sincerely,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CIGIE, IC Program Director
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Office)
202-254-0162 (Fax)
Suite 825
1717 H St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
www.IGnet.gov

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 8:44 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

Thank you, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Yes, I request a two week extension, although I may not need all the extra time.

Also, you may not be aware of the fact that on May 22, 2018, CREW sent a letter to the Integrity Committee withdrawing its April 13 request to have me investigated. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2018, at 1:48 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) > wrote:

Thank you for the confirmation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Please let us know if you need an extension.

Sincerely,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CIGIE, IC Program Director
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Office)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 7:47 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Cc: Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Subject: Re: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

Yes, I received your email.

I am currently away from the office, on leave.

I will reply as soon as I can.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 6, 2018, at 3:27 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) > wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

At your earliest convenience, could you please confirm receipt of the email below?

Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

From: Integrity-WG
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 10:02 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Cc: Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Please find attached communication from the CIGIE Integrity Committee.

Sincerely,

Integrity Committee Working Group



Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006 • Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov

May 30, 2018

Via Email

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Integrity Committee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): Request for Response

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) is charged with receiving, reviewing, and investigating, where appropriate, allegations of misconduct made against Inspectors General (IG) and designated members of an IG's staff. The IC takes action on allegations of wrongdoing that involve abuse of authority in the exercise of official duties or while acting under color of office; substantial misconduct, such as gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, or a substantial violation of law, rule, or regulation; or conduct that undermines the independence or integrity reasonably expected of such persons.

The IC accepted for review the following complaint alleging wrongdoing on your part: it is alleged that you abused your authority in the exercise of official duties and engaged in conduct that undermined your independence or integrity.

The IC requests your response to these allegations within 20 days of receipt of this letter. Please note this is your opportunity to fully address the issues and provide any supporting documents prior to the IC deliberation. In your response, please provide information regarding the following:

1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
3. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
4. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The Integrity Committee is composed of four Inspectors General and executives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of Government Ethics. For more information, please visit <https://www.igncl.gov/content/integrity-0>.

May 30, 2018

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You may submit your response and any questions you have regarding this request in writing to: email: Integrity-WG@CIGIE.GOV, or mailing address: Attention Integrity Committee, CIGIE, 1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Dahl", written in a cursive style.

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee



Integrity Committee

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1717 H Street, NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006 • Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov

July 27, 2018

Via Email

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Closure of Integrity Committee Case (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On July 12, 2018, the Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing made against you. The IC issued a request for your response to the allegations. After thoroughly reviewing the allegations and your response, the IC determined it will take no further action on this matter at this time. This determination was made pursuant to IC Policies and Procedures 2018, section 7.C.i and 7.C.ii., and is made solely pursuant to the IC's authorities and is not binding on any collateral or other proceeding.

Sincerely,

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee

Message

From: Sullivan, Patrick F. [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3FEABD959C7644B594A53FF4066CC6D3-SULLIVAN, PATRICK F.]
Sent: 2/19/2016 1:02:23 PM
To: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@CIGIE.GOV]
CC: Elkins, Arthur [Elkins.Arthur@epa.gov]; Sheehan, Charles [Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov]; Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov] [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
BCC: Patrick Sullivan [Sullivan.Patrick@epa.gov]
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To: (b) (6)
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Reply-To: Mark Jones <mark.jones@CIGIE.GOV>

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Thanks

Mark

Message

From: (b) (6) [redacted]@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/23/2019 4:10:18 PM
To: Randall Kizer (b) (6) [redacted]
CC: Wong, Helina [wong.helina@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Training question

Hi Randall,

I set up a conference call for 2:15pm at:

Call In Number: (b) (6) [redacted]

Conference ID: (b) (6) [redacted]

Thanks again,

(b) (6) [redacted]

(b) (6) [redacted]
Special Agent, Operations Support Division
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General -- Office of Investigations
Office: (b) (6) [redacted] | Cell: (b) (6) [redacted]

From: Wong, Helina <wong.helina@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 12:05 PM
To: (b) (6) [redacted]@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Training question

Just checked with Eric. How about we set something up a call at 2:15 pm?

Thanks for helping us out on this!
Helina

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2019, at 12:02 PM (b) (6) [redacted]@epa.gov> wrote:

He didn't answer his phones, so I sent another email.

(b) (6) [redacted]
Special Agent, Operations Support Division
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General -- Office of Investigations
Office: (b) (6) [redacted] | Cell: (b) (6) [redacted]

From: Wong, Helina <wong.helina@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 11:58 AM
To: (b) (6) [redacted]@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Training question

Any chance that he can talk now or at 12:30 pm? Sorry to be so pushy. We are meeting with the IG at 1 pm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2019, at 11:51 AM, (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, I will get back to you ASAP.

(b) (6)
Special Agent, Operations Support Division
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General -- Office of Investigations
Office: (b) (6) | Cell: (b) (6)

From: Randall Kizer (b) (6) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 11:49 AM
To: (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@epa.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@epa.gov>; Wong, Helina <wong.helina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Training question

Free from 1-3 if that works and can make it work from 3-3:30. I am co teaching a block from 3-5 but can make adjustments to accommodate.

Randall Kizer
Senior Special Agent/Program Manager
Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy
384 Marana Circle
Glynco, Ga 31524
(b) (6) Office)
(b) (6) (Cell)

From: (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 11:37 AM
To: Randall Kizer (b) (6) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@epa.gov>; Wong, Helina <wong.helina@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Training question
Importance: High

Good morning Randall,

Our General Counsel and our Assistant Inspector General for Investigations would like to participate in a phone call with you regarding the question. Do you have time today where we can schedule a call? The main focus is still what is contained in this email chain, so the call should not take too long.

Thank you.

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
Special Agent, Operations Support Division
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General -- Office of Investigations
Office: (b) (6) | Cell: (b) (6)

From: Registrar <Registrar@cigie.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:18 AM
To: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Training question
Importance: High

From: Randall Kizer (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:17 AM
To: Registrar <Registrar@cigie.gov>; Michael Robinson (b) (6) >
Cc: Douglas Holt (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Training question

Tell them to feel free to contact me.

Randall Kizer
Senior Special Agent/Program Manager
Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy
384 Marana Circle
Glynco, Ga 31524
(b) (6) Office)
(b) (6) (Cell)

From: Registrar <Registrar@cigie.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Randall Kizer (b) (6) >; Michael Robinson (b) (6) >
Cc: Douglas Holt (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Training question
Importance: High

Good Morning,

Please see below.

Thanks,
Roxsand

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Registrar <Registrar@cigie.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>; (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Training question

Good morning Roxsand,

Do you have any contact info for instructors who teach interviewing at for the IG Academy? We have a bit of a unique situation where our Inspector General is seeking some procedural guidance. I sent the email below to the CIGIE general mailbox, but then I thought I should ask you if you had any contacts.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Special Agent, Operations Support Division
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General -- Office of Investigations
Office: (b) (6) | Cell: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 8:57 AM

To: cigie.information@cigie.gov

Cc: (b) (6) @epa.gov (b) (6) @epa.gov>; (b) (6)

(b) (6) @epa.gov (b) (6) @epa.gov>

Subject: Training question

Good morning,

The EPA OIG is seeking to consult with an instructor who specializes in interviews conducted by criminal investigators. We have a somewhat unique situation developing and our Inspector General is seeking clarification and guidance regarding the following:

- (b) (5)
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
- [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Could you please provide me with the contact information of an instructor who teaches interviewing for the Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy? We hope to resolve this issue quickly.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

Special Agent, Operations Support Division
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General -- Office of Investigations
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (MC 2431T)
Washington, DC 20460

Office: (b) (6) | Cell: (b) (6)

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Message

From: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/23/2019 3:51:11 PM
To: Randall Kizer; (b) (6) [REDACTED]
CC: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@epa.gov]; Wong, Helina [wong.helina@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Training question

Thanks, I will get back to you ASAP.

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From: Randall Kizer (b) (6) [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 11:49 AM
To: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@epa.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@epa.gov>; Wong, Helina <wong.helina@epa.gov>
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From: Integrity-Complaint [Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov]
Sent: 1/30/2019 4:31:10 PM
To: Hanger, Eric [Hanger.Eric@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Referral of Allegations
Attachments: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf

Importance: Low

Dear Mr. Hanger,

Thank you for contacting the Integrity Committee. Please find attached as requested.

Sincerely,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Office)

CIGIE
Suite 825
1717 H St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
www.IGnet.gov

From: Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 4:37 PM
To: Integrity-Complaint <Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov>
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From: Integrity-Complaint <Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov>
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To: Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Referral of Allegations
Importance: Low

Dear Mr. Hanger,

We reviewed your submission to the Integrity Committee (IC) and wanted to inform you that the IC previously reviewed and closed these allegations as IC case numbers (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (e.g., all were referred back to EPA IG for any action deemed appropriate). We also received a courtesy copy of the letter from Mr. Kerner to Mr. Wheeler in October and notified OSC of our previous determinations at that time. The IC determined to take no further action on these matters at the time of the case closures.

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From: Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 5:05 PM

To: Integrity-Complaint <Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov>

Cc: Sheehan, Charles <Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov>; Shields, Edward <Shields.Ed@epa.gov>; Christensen, Kevin <Christensen.Kevin@epa.gov>; (b) (6) <[\(b\) \(6\)@epa.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@epa.gov)>

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Integrity Committee

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July 27, 2018

Via Email

Arthur Elkins, Jr.

Inspector General

Environmental Protection Agency

elkins.arthur@epa.gov

Integrity Committee Case (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Dear Inspector General Elkins:

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing made against employees of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General (EPA OIG).

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The IC decided to close the matter without an investigation. This determination was made pursuant to IC Policies and Procedures 2018, section 7.C.i and 7.C.ii. However, given the complaint contains allegations against EPA OIG employees, the IC is forwarding this matter to your office for any action deemed appropriate.

Sincerely,

Scott Dahl
Chairperson
Integrity Committee

Enclosure



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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Closure of Integrity Committee Case (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) :

On July 12, 2018, the Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing made against you. The IC issued a request for your response to the allegations. After thoroughly reviewing the allegations and your response, the IC determined it will take no further action on this matter at this time. This determination was made pursuant to IC Policies and Procedures 2018, section 7.C.i and 7.C.ii., and is made solely pursuant to the IC's authorities and is not binding on any collateral or other proceeding.

Sincerely,

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July 27, 2018

Via Email

(b) (6)

Environmental Protection Agency

(b) (6)

Re: Complaint to the Integrity Committee

Dear (b) (6):

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations submitted by you on April 17, 2018, involving (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General.

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After thoroughly reviewing the allegations and supporting information provided, the IC determined that it will take no further action on this matter at this time. This determination was made pursuant to IC Policies and Procedures 2018, section 7.C.i and 7.C.ii. This determination is made solely pursuant to the IC's authorities and is not binding on any collateral or other proceeding. Thank you for submitting this matter to the IC.

Sincerely,

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August 15, 2018

Via Email

Alan S. Larsen

Counsel to the Inspector General

Environmental Protection Agency

larsen.alan@epa.gov

Re: Complaint to the Integrity Committee

Dear Mr. Larsen:

The Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency reviewed allegations of wrongdoing referred by your office to the IC on June 11, 2018, involving (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA OIG).

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Integrity Committee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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The IC determined the complaint did not meet the IC's threshold standard for further consideration and closed the matter. However, given the complaint contains allegations against EPA OIG employees, the IC is forwarding this matter to your office for any action deemed appropriate.

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Enclosure

The Integrity Committee is composed of four Inspectors General and executives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of Government Ethics. For more information, please visit <https://www.ignet.gov/content/integrity-0>.

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Message

From: Integrity-Complaint [Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov]
Sent: 12/21/2018 1:17:29 PM
To: Hanger, Eric [Hanger.Eric@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Referral of Allegations

Importance: Low

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1717 H St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
www.IGnet.gov

From: Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 5:05 PM
To: Integrity-Complaint <Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov>
Cc: Sheehan, Charles <Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov>; Shields, Edward <Shields.Ed@epa.gov>; Christensen, Kevin <Christensen.Kevin@epa.gov>; (b) (6) @epa.gov
Subject: Referral of Allegations

Please see attached letter and enclosure concerning allegations of wrongdoing made against a former designated senior staff of the EPA OIG. If there are any questions, I can be reached at the number below.

Eric Hanger
Acting Counsel to the IG
(202) 566-0866

Message

From: Hanger, Eric [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=838407B8E5F64EDF801DF0F5FEF70B51-HANGER, ERIC]
Sent: 12/20/2018 10:04:36 PM
To: Integrity-Complaint@cigie.gov
CC: Charles Sheehan (Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov) [Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov]; Shields, Edward [Shields.Ed@epa.gov]; Christensen, Kevin [christensen.kevin@epa.(b) (6)@epa.gov] (b) (6)@epa.gov
Subject: Referral of Allegations
Attachments: EPA OIG Referral to Integrity Committee 12.20.18.pdf; 2018-10-04 - EPA DI Referral.pdf

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

December 20, 2018

The Honorable Scott Dahl
Chairperson, Integrity Committee
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
1717 H Street NW, Suite 825
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Dahl:

Pursuant to Section 11(d) of the Inspector General Act, I am referring to the Integrity Committee certain whistleblower allegations described in a letter dated October 4, 2018, from Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner to the Honorable Andrew Wheeler, Acting Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).¹

While the allegations in the letter describe certain whistleblower disclosures regarding the EPA and the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), I am only referring the allegations against the OIG, which are found in "Part B" of the letter. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED]

If you have any questions about this or any other matter, I can be reached at (202) 566-0866 or at hanger.eric@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Eric W. Hanger
Acting Counsel to the Inspector General

Enclosure

¹ On November 15, 2018, the EPA's Chief of Staff referred the letter to the OIG for action.

² "Part A" of Mr. Kerner's letter concerns allegations against the former EPA Administrator. The EPA OIG will respond to those allegations separately.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Message

From: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@cigie.gov]
Sent: 8/25/2014 4:43:48 PM
To: Kaplan, Jennifer [Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE August 22, 2014

Thanks Jennifer.

From: Kaplan, Jennifer [mailto:Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 12:31 PM
To: Mark Jones
Subject: RE: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE August 22, 2014

Mark,

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Thanks,

Jennifer

From: Council of IGs Liaisons [mailto:(b) (6)] **On Behalf Of** Mark Jones
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 8:18 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE August 22, 2014

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We appreciate your consideration of this important responsibility.

Thanks

Mark

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Sent: 8/25/2014 4:30:51 PM
To: Mark Jones [Mark.Jones@CIGIE.GOV]
Subject: RE: Integrity Committee Investigations - SUSPENSE August 22, 2014

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

May 7, 2020

Mr. Scott Dahl
Chairperson, Integrity Committee
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room 7452
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Dahl:

I am required annually to provide you with a list of the designated staff member positions for which allegations of wrongdoing will be referred and subject to Integrity Committee consideration. I am required to include positions that report directly to me, which are as follows:

- Deputy Inspector General—Charles Sheehan, (202) 566-0847, Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov.
- Associate Deputy Inspector General—Edward Shields, (202) 566-2561, Shields.Edward@epa.gov.
- Special Assistant—Darryl Mason, (202) 566-0871, Mason.Darryl@epa.gov.

In addition, I am designating the following positions as those with significant responsibility, as it is likely that an internal investigation regarding an allegation of wrongdoing on the part of these staff members would lack an appearance of objectivity:

- Assistant Inspector General for Investigations—Helina Wong, (202) 566-2841, Wong.Helina@epa.gov.
- Assistant Inspector General for Management—Stephanie Wright, acting, (202) 566-2698, Wright.Stephanie@epa.gov.
- Counsel to the Inspector General—Eric Hanger, acting, (202) 566-0866, Hanger.Eric@epa.gov.
- Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation—Kathlene Butler, acting, (404) 562-9736, Butler.Kathlene@epa.gov.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about these designations.

The Integrity Committee Working Group should forward any complaints about U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General employees not subject to the Committee's authority to our counsel to the inspector general, unless the complaint is about that individual. The counsel position is currently occupied on an acting basis by Eric Hanger, who can be reached at (202) 566-0866 or Hanger.Eric@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sean W. O'Donnell".
Sean W. O'Donnell

Message

From: Elkins, Arthur [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=8E6CFEF587834F388791A500A803E7B2-ELKINS, ARTHUR]
Sent: 8/20/2018 1:39:13 PM
To: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: Re: CIGIE Integrity Committee Referral

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 20, 2018, at 9:17 AM, Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov> wrote:

Dear Inspector General Elkins,

Please find attached correspondence from the CIGIE Integrity Committee.

Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf>

Message

From: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Sent: 8/20/2018 1:10:58 PM
To: Elkins, Arthur [Elkins.Arthur@epa.gov]
CC: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee Referral
Attachments: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf

Importance: High

Dear Inspector General Elkins,

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Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

Message

From: Mason, Darryl [Mason.Darryl@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2018 3:05:07 PM
To: Integrity-WG@cigie.gov
CC: Shields, Edward [Shields.Ed@epa.gov]; Elkins, Arthur [Elkins.Arthur@epa.gov]
Subject: Designated Positions Under IG Purview - 2018 EPA-OIG
Attachments: Designated Positions Under IG Purview - 2018 EPA-OIG.pdf

Greetings:

Please find attached for the EPA-OIG.

v/r,

Darryl Mason

Special Assistant to the Inspector General

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Inspector General - Immediate Office

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., MC: 2410T

Washington, D.C. 20460

Phone: (202) 566-0871

Wireless: (b) (6)

FAX: (202) 566-0857

Moral courage is a rarer commodity than
bravery in battle or great intelligence.

R. Kennedy

Message

From: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Sent: 7/30/2018 12:59:47 PM
To: Elkins, Arthur [Elkins.Arthur@epa.gov]
CC: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter
Attachments: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf

Importance: High

Dear Inspector General Elkins,

Please find attached correspondence from the Integrity Committee. We would sincerely appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this document at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

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Sent: 7/30/2018 1:23:05 PM
To: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: Re: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Receipt confirmed.

Thank you.

Arthur Elkins
Inspector General
United States Environmental Protection Agency

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2018, at 9:05 AM, Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov> wrote:

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Message

From: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Sent: 8/20/2018 1:14:16 PM
To: Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
CC: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee
Attachments: Closing Referring Agency - Larsen.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Larsen,

Please find attached correspondence from the CIGIE Integrity Committee.

Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

Message

From: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Sent: 6/13/2018 3:53:10 PM
To: Larsen, Alan [Larsen.Alan@epa.gov]
CC: Mason, Darryl [Mason.Darryl@epa.gov]; Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]; Alderton, Steven M. [Alderton.Steve@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Referral to CIGIE Integrity Committee

Dear Mr. Larsen,

We received your email and attachment. Can your office please provide all documentation of the original complaint for Integrity Committee review?

Thank you for submitting this matter for Integrity Committee review.

Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

-----Original Message-----

From: Larsen, Alan <Larsen.Alan@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Cc: Mason, Darryl <Mason.Darryl@epa.gov>; Alderton, Steven M. <Alderton.Steve@epa.gov>
Subject: Referral to CIGIE Integrity Committee

Attached is a referral to the CIGIE Integrity Committee from the EPA Office of Inspector General. We have mailed a hard copy of the letter to the CIGIE office. If you have any questions, please call me at 202-566-0990.

Alan S. Larsen
Counsel to the Inspector General

Message

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Sent: 8/20/2018 1:23:11 PM
To: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: RE: CIGIE Integrity Committee

Received. Thank you, IC Working Group.
Alan Larsen
Counsel to the Inspector General
Environmental Protection Agency

From: Integrity-WG [mailto:Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:14 AM
To: Larsen, Alan <Larsen.Alan@epa.gov>
Cc: Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee
Importance: High

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Sent: 7/30/2018 3:21:30 PM
To: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: FW: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter
Attachments: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf; ATT00001.htm; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf; ATT00002.htm

As you requested, I am confirming that Mr. Elkins has received the attached letter from Mr. Dahl. We do not have prior IC correspondence using case numbers (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). From the other attachment you sent, it would appear that these are two cases arising from inquiries to the IC regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6). The letter from Mr. Dahl does not provide information about the subject matter of these cases. Could you please confirm which matters these cases addressed? Thank you.

Alan Larsen

Counsel to the Inspector General

From: Elkins, Arthur
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Sheehan, Charles <Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov>; Larsen, Alan <Larsen.Alan@epa.gov>; Hanger, Eric <Hanger.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter

Fyi...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Attachments: Document.pdf

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Subject: RE: Referral to CIGIE Integrity Committee

I am following up my response below to your reply to my initial referral of a matter. You asked for additional information, and I would like to speak to a person who can explain what is needed. Also, I would like to explain to the IC (b) (5). Could you please provide me the name and contact information for the appropriate representative for the Integrity committee? Thank you.

Alan Larsen
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Environmental Protection Agency
202-566-0990

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To: 'Integrity-WG' <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
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Sent: 5/31/2018 2:02:11 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CC: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee Communication
Attachments: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).pdf

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Please find attached communication from the CIGIE Integrity Committee.

Sincerely,

Integrity Committee Working Group

Message

From: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Sent: 7/30/2018 1:01:28 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)]
CC: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Subject: CIGIE Integrity Committee Letter
Attachments: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .pdf

Importance: High

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Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

Message

From: Integrity-WG [Integrity-WG@cigie.gov]
Sent: 5/11/2020 11:48:42 AM
To: Mason, Darryl [Mason.Darryl@epa.gov]
CC: Kaplan, Jennifer [Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for Designated Positions Under Integrity Committee Authority - 2020

Received. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Integrity Committee Working Group

From: Mason, Darryl <Mason.Darryl@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Integrity-WG <Integrity-WG@cigie.gov>
Cc: Kaplan, Jennifer <Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Designated Positions Under Integrity Committee Authority - 2020

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Greetings:
Please find attached per your request.

v/r,
Darryl Mason
Special Assistant to the Inspector General
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Inspector General - Immediate Office
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., MC: 2410T
Washington, D.C. 20460
Phone: (202) 566-0871
Wireless: (b) (6)
FAX: (202) 566-0857

**Love itself is what is left over when
being in love has burned away,...**

Louis de Bernières

[IG\DIG meeting request click here](#)

Message

From: Mason, Darryl [Mason.Darryl@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/8/2020 5:38:31 PM
To: Integrity-WG@cigie.gov
CC: Kaplan, Jennifer [Kaplan.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: Request for Designated Positions Under Integrity Committee Authority - 2020
Attachments: IG Letter - Designated Positions Under IC Purview 2020-signature.pdf

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Special Assistant to the Inspector General
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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